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SUBJECT Military Chemical Plant at Zemianske Kostolany

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In 1936, the Czechoslovak Ministry of Defense started the construction of a military chemical plant at Zemianske Kostolany N 48-41, E 18-32. This was an underground plant, located about four kilometers south of Novaky N 48-43, E 18-33 and west from the Zbehy N 48-22, E 18-02 to Prievidza N 48-46, E 18-38 railroad [see Encl. A, Pt. 1 for the approximate location]. A special spur track three kilometers long and a road, both originating just south of the Zemianske Kostolany railroad station, led to the plant area. The construction was performed by Army engineers. Building materials were procured through the United Chemical Works (Spolek pro chemickou a hutni výrobu) for the purpose of deception about its ultimate disposition. There were five underground tunnels there, each nine meters wide. Laboratories and a boiler house were built aboveground. The construction was not completed in 1939 when HITLER's puppet Slovak government took over and construction stopped. The plant was never operated. Installations for production of Adamsite and Lewisite, construction of which was finished in 1938, were dismantled and moved elsewhere by the Germans. Later, the Slovaks dismantled and removed other parts of the plant.

CERNY (fnu), a chemical engineer visited the plant in 1940 in hopes of buying materials for his chemical plant in Handlova N 48-44, E 18-46. During World War II the plant was used for storing gasoline and ammunition. During that time, all the

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excavations broke down. [redacted] no construction has
been performed in the plant area since 1945. [redacted]

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Enclosure:

A. Overlay on Map: Oslavany

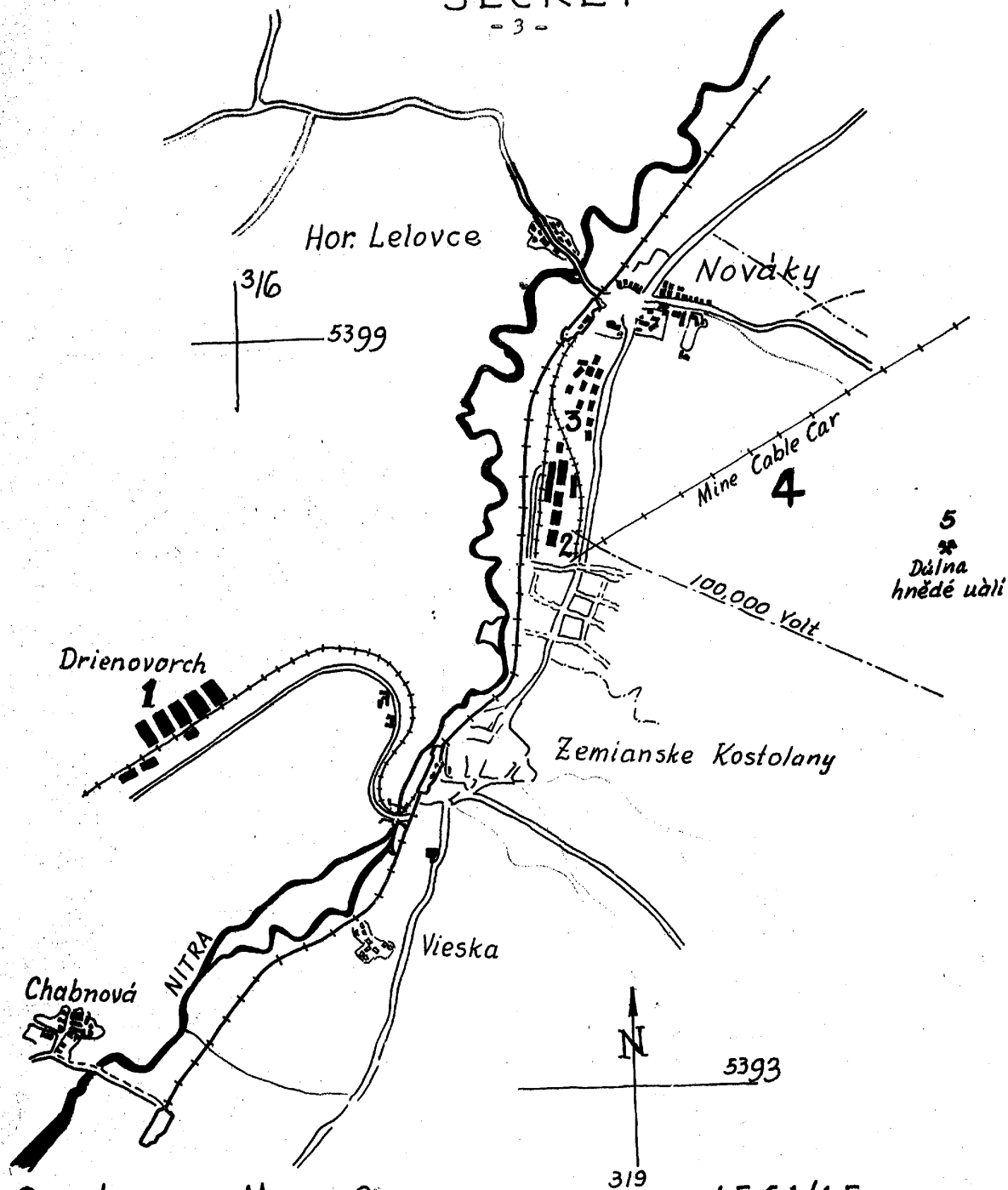
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ENCLOSURE A: (CONT'D)

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Legend

- Point # 1. Zemianske Kostolany Underground Military Chemical Works.
- # 2. Novaky Chemical Works.
- # 3. Workers' Quarters: for Novaky Chemical Works.
- # 4. Mine Cable Car.
- # 5. Brown Coal Mine.

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